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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Alan John Brasier : Art Unit: 1771
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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Responsive to the Official Action dated January 30, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration based upon the following remarks.

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REMARKS

This case has been carefully considered in view of the requirement for restriction.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

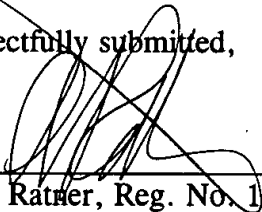
I. Claims 1-3, drawn to a method of forming a felt covering, classified in class 264, subclass various.

II. Claims 4-11 and 20-21, drawn to a needlefelt, classified in class 442, subclass 320.

III. Claims 12-19, drawn to felt-covered ball, classified in class 473, subclass 606.

Applicant respectfully elects Group II, claims 4-11 and 20-21, drawn to a needlefelt.

Respectfully submitted,



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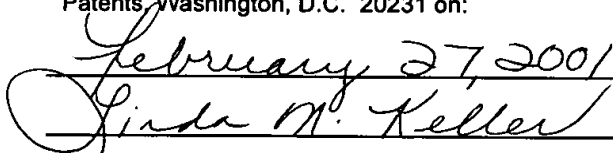
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